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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 29-Apr-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week	Previous Week
	04/29/00	04/22/00
Bro-Fry	156,129	147,390
Lt Hens	2,107	2,089
Hvy Hens	1,494	1,483

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 22-Apr- 2000 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	299	0	299
Last Week	484	0	484
Same Wk Yr Ago	574	0	574
To Date 2000	8,475	50	8,525
To Date 1999	7,910	113	8,023

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,329	1,433	3,762
Last Week	2,743	1,335	4,078
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,906	1,431	4,337
To Date 2000	41,065	21,932	62,997
To Date 1999	42,855	21,503	64,358

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 22-Apr-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	146,562 (A)	2,030	1,433	3,463
Avg Wt	5.05	3.39	7.81	5.22
Last Week	154,848	2,259	1,335	3,594
Same Week Yr Ago	152,325	2,332	1,431	3,763
Avg Wt	5.13	3.49	7.99	5.20
To-Date/2000	2,453,333	32,590	21,882	54,472
To-Date/1999	2,397,623	34,945	21,390	56,335

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 149.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 148.3 million head or 1.6 million head more than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending April 15, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	30,201	26,507	43,818
Avg Weight	3.80	4.73	5.98
% Of Total /1	30%	26%	44%
Comparisons			
Last Week	32,524	38,204	44,881
Avg Weight	3.66	4.72	6.10
% Of Total /1	28%	33%	39%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	28,561	29,956	42,527
Avg Weight	3.77	4.94	6.06
% Of Total /1	28%	30%	42%
To Date/2000	502,123	475,020	600,819
To Date/1999	493,078	423,144	639,333
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 15-Apr-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeder	Old Breeder	Total
Head	4,905	2	61	4,968
Avg Wt	27.72	47.50	26.79	27.72
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	4,912	0	75	4,987
Same Week Yr Ago	3,589	12	40	4,576
Avg Wt	25.26	24.25	26.93	24.17
To-Date/2000	69,416	202	603	70,221
To-Date/1999	66,351	267	469	68,022

(B) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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